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SUBJECT: SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

(SCEPC) MEETING, DECEMBER 12-14, 1973

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. THE UNITED STATES WILL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION AT SUBJECT MEETING CONCERNING CIVIL SUPPORT TO MILITARY PREPAREDNESS IN NATO. THE PRESENTATION, WHICH WILL BE HEARD BY CIVIL PLANNERS FROM ALL NATO NATIONAL CAPITALS AS WELL AS THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCEPC, WILL PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CIVIL/MILITARY PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS IN THE UNITED STATES. THE PURPOSE OF THE PRESENTATION IS TO ILLUSTRATE TO THE NATO NATIONS HOW THE CIVIL SECTOR CAN PROVIDE SUPPORT IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS TO INCREASE MILITARY PREPAREDNESS. OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO ENCOURAGE THE NATO NATIONS TO INITIATE AND IMPROVE ACTIVITIES OF THIS TYPE.

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2. THE EUCOM EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A LINE OF COMMUNICATION

(LOC) THROUGH THE BENELUX COUNTRIES, IN COOPERATION WITH CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES IN THOSE COUNTRIES, IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE. WE WISH TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY AFFORDED BY THE SCEPC MEETING TO INFORM THE NATO NATIONS OF YOUR ARRANGEMENTS. TO THIS END, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTING A SEGMENT OF

THE US PRESENTATION. YOUR PORTION SHOULD SUMMARIZE IN ABOUT 15 MINUTES YOUR ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO LOC PLANNING. YOU MIGHT USE A MODIFIED VERSION OF YOUR BRIEFING ON THIS SUBJECT PRESENTED IN WASHINGTON ON OCTOBER 30, PLACING EMPHASIS ON THE ADVANTAGES OF CIVIL/MILITARY COOPERATION IN THIS FIELD AND THE APPROACH YOU TOOK TOWARD THE PROBLEM RATHER THAN ON THE TECHNICAL LOGISTICS ASPECTS OF THE LOC ITSELF.

3. THE BRIEFING OFFICER SHOULD BE IN BRUSSELS BY DECEMBER 12 IN ORDER TO COORDINATE WITH US AND MISSION OFFICIALS CONCERNING THE CONTENT OF THE BRIEFING AND THE MANNER OF ITS PRESENTATION. WE ANTICIPATE ACTUAL PRESENTATION WOULD TAKE PLACE LATE THURSDAY (DECEMBER 13) OR THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE J-4 MIGHT WISH PERSONALLY TO INTRODUCE THE BRIEFING ALTHOUGH, IN THE EVENT HE IS UNABLE TO COME, THE US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MEETING COULD DELIVER ANY INTRODUCTORY REMARKS THE J-4 THINKS APPROPRIATE.

4. PLEASE INFORM US AND USNATO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE CONCERNING YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

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